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# UNITED STATES CAPITOL GROUNDS

JUNE 23, 1982.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HOWARD, from the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 6417]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Public Works and Transportation, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 6417) to amend Public Law 96–432 relating to the United States Capitol Grounds, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That section 1 of the Act of July 31, 1946, as amended (40 U.S.C. 193a), is amended to include within the definition of the United States Capitol Grounds the following additional areas which are situated as follows:

(1) All sidewalks and contiguous areas presently under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia located on the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, between the west curb of First Street, Northwest and the east curb of Third Street, Northwest.

(2) All sidewalks and contiguous areas presently under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia located on the north side of Maryland Avenue, Southwest between the west curb of First Street, Southwest and the east curb of Third Street, Southwest.

(3) All sidewalks and contiguous areas presently under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia located on the west side of First Street between the south curb of Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest and the north curb of Maryland Avenue, Southwest.

(4) All sidewalks and contiguous areas presently under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia located on the east side of Third Street between the south curb of Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest and the north curb of Maryland Avenue, Southwest.

### GENERAL STATEMENT

Pursuant to section 1 of Public Law 96–432, approved December 10, 1980, a number of additional areas and portions of streets, including

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those portions of Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, from the west curb of First Street, Northwest, to the east curb of Third Street, Northwest; and Maryland Avenue, Southwest, from the west curb of First Street, Southwest, to the east curb of Third Street, Southwest, were included within the definition of the United States Capitol Grounds. Inadvertently, the sidewalks and contiguous land on the west side of First Street between Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, and Maryland Avenue, Southwest, and flanking the reflecting pool along Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, and Maryland Avenue, Southwest, between First and Third Streets west, were omitted from Public Law 96–432.

The addition of the roadways in those areas of Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, and Maryland Avenue, Southwest, to the United States Capitol Grounds, pursuant to Public Law 96–432, creates the anomalous situation in which the National Park Service has jurisdiction over the area within the interior sidewalk lines near the reflecting pool (including the reflecting pool), the Architect of the Capitol has jurisdiction of the roadways up to the curb line, and the District of Columbia retains jurisdiction over the sidewalks themselves and the contiguous strip of land adjacent to the reflecting pool.

H.R. 6417 would rectify this anomaly by providing along First Street and Pennsylvania and Maryland Avenues a more realistic and manageable jurisdictional arrangement, viz, Capitol Grounds jurisdiction to the Park Service line, including the sidewalks. In addition, along the east side of Third Street between Maryland Avenue, Southwest, and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, Capitol Grounds jurisdiction would similarly abut the Park Service property at the reflecting pool and include the sidewalks along Third Street.

## COMPLIANCE WITH CLAUSE 2(l) OF RULE XI OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(1) With reference to clause 2(l)(3)(A) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, no separate hearings were held on the subject matter of this legislation by the Subcommittee on Oversight and Review. However, the Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds held hearings on this subject matter which resulted in the reported bill.

(2) With reference to clause 2(l)(3)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives the bill, as reported, does not provide new budget authority or increased tax expenditures.

(3) With reference to clause 2(l)(3)(C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received a report prepared by the Congressional Budegt Office under section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act. The report is as follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
*Washington, D.C., June 14, 1982.*

Hon. JAMES J. HOWARD,
*Chairman, House Committee on Public Works and Transportation,*
*Rayburn House Office Building,, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to Section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 6417, a bill to amend Public Law 96–432 relating to the United States Capitol Grounds, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation, June 9, 1982. This bill amends Public Law 96–432 to include the sidewalks and contiguous areas surrounding the reflecting pool located to the west of the Capitol within the definition of the United States Capitol Grounds. The property affected is currently under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.

Based on this review, it is expected that no significant additional cost to the government would be incurred as a result of the enactment of this bill.

Sincerely,

ALICE M. RIVLIN, *Director.*

(4) With reference to clause 2(l)(3)(D) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has not received a report from the Committee on Government Operations pertaining to this subject matter.

(5) With reference to clause 2(l)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the committee makes the following statement in regard to the inflationary impact of the reported bill:

The enactment of this legislation will have no inflationary impact on the prices and costs in the operation of the national economy.

## COST OF LEGISLATION

Rule XIII7 of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires a statement of the estimated costs to the United States which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 6417, as reported, in fiscal year 1983 and each of the following 5 years. The committee estimates that no significant additional cost to the government would be incurred as a result of enactment of H.R. 6417.

## COMMITTEE ACTION AND VOTE

The Committee in compliance with rule XI2(l)(B), the majority of the Committee having actually been present, reports favorably the bill, H.R. 6417, as amended. The bill was ordered reported by a voice vote.

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